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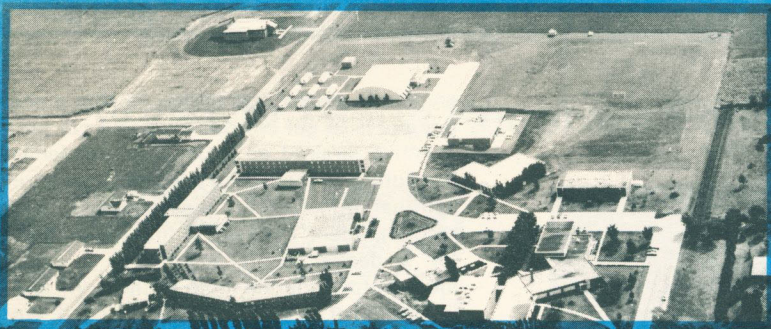
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**Chapel Dedicated.** Dr. James De Jong, associate professor of theology, reads the litany of dedication for the chapel dedication services held May 10 at the college. Members of the concert band and choir are in the background. About 1800 people attended the historic event.

## Board Approves New Lectureship Institute

In its March meeting the Voting Board of Dordt College approved the establishment of a Lectureship Institute. The institute, to be financially independent of the college, is to open the fall of 1979. Five positions, or chairs, are currently being considered by the institute, to be filled as personnel and funds become available. Those five chairs are 1) Christian Perspectives, 2) Abraham Kuyper Principia, 3) Christian Political Research and Analysis, 4) Faculty, and 5) Visiting Lecturer.

The Lectureship Institute is being established to implement Dordt's new Statement of Purpose which calls for the development of serviceable insight at an advanced level. In his report to the faculty concerning the institute, President Haan observed the need for such an organization: "Given the contemporary scientific and educational scene with in the context of a rapidly-changing civilization, and given the increasing complexity of the problems con-

fronting the Christian community, Dordt College cannot responsibly afford to relax with the status quo. On the contrary, if Dordt College is to remain a viable institution capable of providing meaningful educational services, special efforts must be made not only to keep abreast of the needs of the Christian community in a complex world, but actually to stay ahead. The Lectureship Institute represents such an effort."

Each of the chairs of the institute is intended to be financed partially through a \$100,000 endowment gift. The chair will then be named after the donor of that endowment. Other funding would be donated by patron supporters (donors of more than \$5000), and general contributions toward the Lectureship Institute.

Each of the five chairs is to have responsibilities which make most effective use of its field of study. The person holding the Christian Perspectives chair, for exam-

ple, will be available to speak at public meetings and conferences throughout North America, as well as lecturing on campus. He will also produce and edit materials for the Dordt Press. The person holding the Abraham Kuyper Principia chair will also lecture on and off campus, as well as write about the life and work of Abraham Kuyper. The faculty chair would allow one faculty member each year to do special research and writing, as well as to present a special lecture or two to the entire student body.

Rev. J.B. Hulst has been appointed director of the institute, and two of its chairs have been filled. McKendree Langley of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, has accepted the Abraham Kuyper Principia chair, and Rockne McCarthy of Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, will occupy the Visiting Lecturer Chair.



## From the President's Pen. . . .

by Rev. B.J. Haan



### The True Beauty of the Temple

At the May 10 dedication of the Dordt College Chapel-Music Center, Rev. Haan spoke to the 1800 persons assembled there on the topic, *The True Beauty of the Temple*. His message, based on Luke 21: 5 & 6, is printed below.

What does one choose to speak about on such a memorable occasion as that which calls us together tonight? As I planned and prepared this message, a number of ideas and thoughts came to mind and appeared worthy of special consideration. One could make a speech on any one of these. All relate significantly and intimately to Dordt's history and the experience of this evening.

Let that motto — *Soli Deo Gloria* — always prevail to be the source of our inspiration and the driving motive of our activity.

One could dwell upon the larger and broader history of Dordt's development with all its struggles and successes arriving, under God's marvelous blessings, at this somewhat culminating event. One could also consider the role of the various participants in the life and growth of the college. Think of those early planners who had the vision and the courage to move forward in the face of incredible odds. We could spend hours talking about the excellent leadership from our boards including the decisions regarding this facility which we now dedicate to God's glory. These decisions are of one piece with scores of other crucial decisions throughout the years which tell a story by itself of remarkable faith and fortitude.

Consider too the commitment and noteworthy contributions of the many administrators, faculty, office and maintenance personnel. What a book could be written on all their loving and devoted labors! We think of the hundreds of students and alumni who have brought so much good to Dordt College and who continue to play a major role in determining the character and success of the institution.

And there are the people, the dedicated and loyal constituency of Dordt College. We have throughout the years proudly and gratefully spoken of Dordt as the people's college. We have always wanted this to be an identifying badge of the school. For we know that when a college truly and rightly lives in the hearts of God's people, its direction is sound and its service is blessed. So tonight one could again speak alone about the faithful support of the people. In no campaign for funds has Dordt experienced a greater and more meaningful support from its constituents. What is especially impressive and encouraging is the fact that Dordt's supporters are found all over Canada and the U.S.A. — east, west, north, south. The number of gifts and the size of the gifts from all areas are simply amazing. This enormous expression of trust in Dordt is both heartening and humbling. We sense the awesome responsibility this trust places upon us as a college established for the promotion of our biblical, Reformed faith.

All of this — and more — drew our attention and offered worthy material for a dedication address.

It seemed more appropriate, however, to dwell on a theme which would rivet once again the attention of all Dordt's personnel upon the high calling and purpose of the college. No building offers a better opportunity to stress our common goal and commitment than the Chapel-Music Center. Here we convene often as a campus community to listen to God's Word and to

engage in prayer and praise. In this place our aim is to get our priorities and our perspective straight as a Christian academic institution. In that sense it is a focal point of spiritual refreshment, reassessment, and recommitment. We seek to find the context for a deeper appreciation and a more meaningful understanding of the unity and integrality of all learning, of all life itself. We want to come together under the ordering and unifying principle of Christ's redemptive Word so that we may engage in the reformation and renewal of scholarship and by our efforts promote the same in every sphere of human activity.

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." Luke 21: 5 & 6

An impressive expression of the awareness on campus of the true meaning of biblically directed scholarship and the desire to use the chapel in the advancement of it, is seen in the recent dedicatory chapel services. Each division was responsible for one service. There were six presentations. The idea was to demonstrate the relationship of faith to learning in each department, in each of the sciences, and the basic interrelatedness of the sciences rooted in the unity of creation. The beautiful banners which deck the walls of the chapel express in symbolic form this fundamental principle. We owe much to the creative, imaginative, biblically sensitive artistic ability of Professor Norman Matheis and the gifted assistance of Mrs. Shirley Matheis (his wife) and Mrs. Joanne Alberda his colleague in the art department.

The Chapel-Music Center is not only to serve a lofty purpose for the campus community as such. It will, we hope, be of paramount significance in rallying our entire constituency, including the college personnel, around our high calling before the Lord. It will remind us again and again of our involvement in the God-ordained cultural mandate, restored and reaffirmed in Christ, and which is so distinctively characteristic of all true lovers of the Calvinistic, Reformed world and life concept. Our goal is, together as God's people, to address the

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## Van Der Heide Receives Fellowship

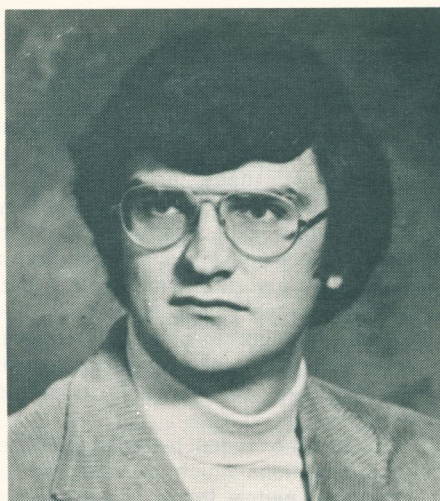
Evert Van Der Heide, instructor of economics at Dordt College, has received a University Graduate Fellowship from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He will be studying there the next three years as he works on his doctorate.

The fellowship will provide money for tuition and other expenses accrued while attending school. It is renewable for a three year period.

Van Der Heide hopes to earn a Ph.D. in development economics. This area covers programs and strategies to develop the economies of the less-developed countries. He is interested in it, he said, because "it directly addresses world hunger and poverty."

Van Der Heide will take courses about 1½ years, and then he must pass the qualifying exams before he writes a dissertation. He commented, "I am currently contemplating a dissertation topic which would contrast a reformed, Christian approach to development to the expanding Marxist approach to development."

That topic interests him, he explained, because "it is my hope that I can be of some help to the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) as it expands into this area under the direction of Synod. When you spend so much time on something, you want it to be helpful to the Christian community."



Van Der Heide graduated in 1973 from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with a B.A. in economics. He received his M.A. in economics from Wayne in 1975. He also served as a teaching assistant in economics at Wayne from 1973-75, and was a member of the National Honor Society of Economics.

The vacancy Van Der Heide leaves at Dordt will be filled by present faculty members, at least for next year. He joined the Dordt staff in the fall of 1975, and plans to return after his three-year leave.

## Etcetera

One hundred eighty-nine Dordt students received bachelor of arts degrees and eighteen received associate of arts degrees at the fifteenth annual commencement exercises at Dordt College Friday, May 11. Dr. Gerard Van Groningen, professor of Old Testament at the Reformed Theological Seminary, was the commencement speaker. His speech was entitled, "One People, One Purpose."

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An article by Dr. Russell Maatman, professor of chemistry, and Craig Friesema, a Dordt College graduate, appeared in the March issue of *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*. The article, "A Kinetic Study of Propylene Metathesis over WO<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> Gel" was the result of chemical research conducted on the Dordt College campus.

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Syne Altena, Dordt College baseball coach, has been named NAIA District Fifteen Coach of the Year. Mr. Altena's baseball team upped last year's record of 4-16 to a mark of 26-13 this year. This is the most wins of any baseball team in the history of Dordt College. Coach Altena took this year's team to the District Fifteen playoffs where they finished third.

## Reaching Out: Dordt College and the Broader Community

What is Dordt College? Briefly, it is a Christian institution of higher learning in Sioux Center, Iowa, with 72 faculty members and 1200 students which offers 28 courses of study. And because of the teaching and learning occurring on campus, Dordt is also a vortex of ideas which are the product of Christian scholarship. That whirlwind of ideas produces results which extend beyond the borders of the Dordt campus to both the broader Christian community and the academic community.

The Dordt Speakers Bureau offers 14 different lectures on art, literature, math, language, political science, and theatre arts. Sight-sound programs and travelogs are also available through the bureau. A sampling of the titles of available lectures includes: "How to Win When You Lose and Election," "The Language of the Body: Non Verbal Communication," "Where Did All the Martyrs Go?" and "Who Says Mathematics Isn't Fun?"

In the past year, six faculty members have published, or are in the process of publishing, books. Two of these, *The Unity in Creation* by Dr. Russell Maatman and *Sign*

*of a Promise* by James Schaap, are being released by the Dordt Press. Two other books by Dordt faculty members have been published this school year: *Economics, Money and Banking* by E.L.H. Taylor and *Philosophy and Scripture: A Study In Old Princeton and Westminster Theology* (a published thesis) by Dr. John Vander Stelt.

Two elementary science textbooks by Dr. George Faber will be released by Christian Schools International for use next fall. They are *Consider the Lilies* and *All Kinds of Fine Stones*. Verne Meyer has written a set of exercises to accompany his English handbook, *Basic English Revisited*. The set of exercises and the third edition of the handbook will be published this summer.

During the 1978-79 school year, Christian periodicals have carried articles by Dordt staff members with titles ranging from "When Does Caesar Claim Too Much?" to "Ethical Foundations for 'Religious' Persuasion." Faculty members have also published articles about physics, chemistry, biochemistry, philosophy, and theatre in scholarly journals.

Public lectures are also part of the

whirlwind of activity produced by a college. Members of the physical education department spoke to teacher groups about a Christian perspective on health education. Theatre instructors spoke to Calvinettes about drama in the church. Theology and philosophy professors addressed church groups about the occult, forces in the Christian Reformed denomination, and the covenant. Fine arts professors performed recitals, arranged music, exhibited art, and conducted drama workshops, band festivals, and choir festivals. Several staff members were graduation speakers for area grade schools.

The Dordt student body, too, reaps benefits from the vortex of ideas on campus. One faculty member observed, "There is a new enthusiasm on campus for creative and scholarly work, and that is a benefit for the students." He commented that many faculty members borrow from their "leisure time" in order to write and lecture, and added, "We do consider the student our first responsibility, and take on the extra community responsibilities only insofar as they don't detract from our classroom work."



## What's the Difference? A Student Views Dordt College

*The essay below about Christian education at Dordt College was written by Alan Van Dyke for an advanced writing course on campus. A sophomore from Sioux Center, Alan won the Martin Seven Expository Writing Award for his writing during the 1978-79 school year.*

What does Christian education mean at Dordt? How is Dordt different from a secular college or university? These are questions I had to face when I decided to continue my education. After attending Dordt for two years, I have been able to answer them in part, but I am continually gaining more insight into Dordt's unique status in the field of higher learning.

I came to Dordt quite skeptical that there was that much difference between it and, for example, the University of Iowa, except that Dordt had stricter rules governing student behavior, a few required courses in theology, and bi-weekly chapel services. Although convinced that Dordt could offer a good, solid liberal-arts education, I had a suspicion that one could just as well attend a state-supported school. What, then, is so different about Dordt?

To begin with, the faculty is comprised of professors who are not only competent in

their respective fields, but dedicated Christians as well, and who actively seek to teach their courses from a rigorously Christian perspective. Rather than accepting all of the conventional presuppositions under which modern academics operate, they look at these presuppositions critically, and try to determine whether they are compatible with obedient Christian scholarship, or whether they proceed from a false view of the world and man's place in it. This is no easy task, since we have all been shaped by these forces of secular thought, often to such a degree that we accept them uncritically, and even identify them as Christian.

In class, the student learns to question many propositions which are regarded as fact by most people today. Is it true that religion is just a leftover from an earlier, less enlightened age, and must inevitably give way to secularization, or is religion a deeper and stronger element of human nature than many people are willing to admit? Is it really unscholarly and backward to accept the Word of God as the force which orders and directs our lives, rather than reason, or Marxism, or some other man-

centered idea, or does everyone have some deep commitment which structures and directs their lives?

These are some of the questions which are wrestled with at Dordt, important questions, questions which would be ignored at the University of Iowa, or any other secular institution. If we are to serve God with our whole lives, rather than being teachers, businessmen, and lawyers who just happen to go to church on Sunday, we must struggle with these questions too. If we are not to be swept along by every wave of thought which passes through our culture, we must be able to recognize man-centered ideas, and be able to distinguish them from God-centered ones. That is what we learn to do at Dordt, and that is what distinguishes Dordt from the many other schools which offer good, solid liberal-arts educations.

What does Christian education at Dordt mean to me? It means that I have the tools I need to find my bearings in a bewildering world, a solid foundation on which to stand in a treacherous world, and a purpose for living in a world in which life often seems so purposeless.

## Students Receive Scholarships and Awards

### **Minnie Julia Dahm Scholarship for Pre-Medical Students**

Linda Bouwsema, Lethbridge, Alberta

### **Minnie Julia Dahm Scholarship for Medical Technology Students**

Mary Elgersma, Edgerton, Minnesota

### **Dahm Memorial Music Scholarships**

Kim Vanden Bosch, Sioux Center, Iowa  
Bev Van Gelder, Orange City, Iowa  
Sue Du Mez, Oostburg, Wisconsin

### **Dutch Immigrant Scholarships**

Jack Oudman, Taber, Alberta  
Charles Claus, Smithers, British Columbia

### **R.J. Dykstra Scholarship for Business Administration Students**

Dennis Van Zanten, Luverne, Minnesota  
Kelly Tien, Prairie View, Kansas

### **Clare Talen Scholarships**

Cleon McClure, Luverne, Minnesota  
Valerie Dykstra, Lansing, Illinois  
Ken Petersen, Pella, Iowa  
Marlae Vander Griend, Lynden, Washington

### **Ringerwolve Organ Scholarship**

Laura Vander Windt, Le Mars, Iowa

### **Larry Alphs Scholarship**

Gerald Kleinjan, Upper Hutt, New Zealand

### **Martin Seven Awards**

#### **English Writing**

##### **Expository Writing**

Alan Van Dyke, Sioux Center, Iowa

##### **Creative Writing**

Bonnie Kuiper, Platte, South Dakota

#### **Speech**

##### **First Place in Oral Interpretation**

Doyle Smiens, Austinville, Iowa

##### **First Place in Oratory**

Dawn Kalsbeck, Estelline, South Dakota

#### **Physical Education**

Andy Van Huis, Hamilton, Ontario  
Kim Chandler, Vergas, Minnesota

### **Business Awards**

#### **Mr. and Mrs. John Bonnema Award**

Jake Vandermeij, Beamsville, Ontario

#### **Outstanding Freshman**

Alyce Walhof, Edgerton, Minnesota

#### **Outstanding Senior Accounting Students (Iowa C.P.A. Award)**

Dennis Prinsen, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin  
(Wall Street Journal Award)  
Cleon McClure, Luverne, Minnesota

## Faculty Changes for 1979-80

Dordt College has hired seven new faculty members for the 1979-80 school year, three are returning from a leave of absence, and two are leaving the college.

Two additions are being made to the business administration faculty: Robert Hilbelink and Myron Toering. Charles Adams will teach physical science and James Mahaffy has been appointed to teach biology. Lillian Grissen will teach English and communication courses. William and Gloria Stronks will teach language and education courses. More details about new faculty members will be published in a later issue of the Voice.

Returning from a leave of absence will be Hugh Cook in the English department, Daryl Vander Kooi in speech, Ken Bussema in psychology, and Len Rhoda in physical education. Two staff members are leaving the college: Harry Cook from the biology department and Lois De Jong from education. Dr. Cook will join the faculty at The King's College and Mrs. De Jong has decided to make homemaking a full-time task.





## Timmer Dies Unexpectedly

The Dordt College community was stunned by its second death in just three months when Paul Timmer died unexpect-

tedly April 7. The 19-year-old freshman died of an apparent heart attack while in Le Mars, Iowa.

Son of Laverne and Joy Timmer, Paul was born December 21, 1959, in Holland, Mich. His father taught business administration at Dordt from 1973-76. When his parents moved to Almond in 1977, Paul stayed in Sioux Center to finish his high school education at Unity Christian in Orange City. He graduated in May, 1978, and enrolled as a freshman at Dordt in the fall.

Paul is survived by his parents and three younger brothers — Mark, Bruce, and Calvin — all of Almond. He was preceded in death by his younger sister, Nancy, who died several years ago of the same congenital heart-lung disease.

A memorial service was held for Paul April 10, led by President Haan. Paul was buried in Oversel, Mich.

**Copies of the Dedication Booklet for the Chapel-Music Center are available upon request. The ten-page booklet includes information about the building and its history, the Casavant organ, and the stained glass windows. Also featured are black-and-white photographs of the building interior and watercolor paintings of the windows and organ. For a copy of the booklet write: Development Office, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.**

renewing Word of God to all culture and life. This building is dedicated to that purpose and that use. And tonight we rededicate ourselves and Dordt College to that end. The true beauty and significance of the edifice ought never to be forgotten. In all our assemblies, programs, concerts, rallies, chapels, etc., let the motto engraved in the college seal and which is so vividly set in the beautiful stained glass which adorns this building, let that motto — *Soli Deo Gloria* — always prevail to the source of our inspiration and the driving motive of our activity.

We owe this, of course, to our God, to ourselves, to the students, to all the supporters of the college, and to the world around us.

Again we emphasize the point that in the fulfillment of this purpose alone lies the true beauty of the Chapel-Music Center. If this be lost, its beauty is lost, no matter how one may marvel at the beauty of its material structure. On the other hand, if it is true to its calling, then the beauty of its structure will continue to speak and to inspire down the generations.

We are reminded in this connection of the time when the disciples called Jesus' attention to the beauty of the temple. This took place the week of Jesus' passion. Matthew, Mark, and Luke made reference to it. Evidently it was quite important to the Holy Spirit's purpose in giving us the infallible guide to our lives. Luke's presentation is of particular interest for our purpose. He writes: "Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not

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one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'"

What is the meaning of this? And how does it relate to our situation? We are looking here in this passage at the Temple. That building had a unique purpose. Herein was found its glory and beauty. God dwelt here with His people and spoke to them. From this place the influence of God's redemptive presence in Christ was to radiate forth, to flow out into all of life. The building itself had to have a material form which would best symbolize and give expression to that unique glory and beauty of purpose. It was, indeed, a work of marvelous beauty. The disciples were impressed. Why should they at this time in Jesus' life call His attention to its beauty? Surely they had been together often before at the Temple. It was not the first time. Could it be that they were somewhat disappointed in Jesus' disinterest in the magnificence of the Temple? After all it was an object of national and religious pride. And Jesus too was a Jew. But Jesus was not impressed.

Jesus saw what the disciples failed at this time to see. The Temple had lost its true beauty. Its occupants rejected the very Christ of whom the Temple was a symbol and of whom it spoke and in whom its glory consisted. For that reason it was only an earthly beauty, sheer material glory. In God's eyes that is a perversion of beauty. Such carnal beauty has no right to exist.

To be sure, there was a certain limitation upon the Temple and its length of existence. It was, after all, not the Temple of God, but only a symbol. Even if it had been true to its purpose it would have passed away in deference to the One to whom it

pointed. But then its passing would have been with honor and celebration.

Not so when it failed in its true purpose. Jesus makes that clear. The stones will not be carefully and lovingly broken down. Rather God's wrath, His judgment will be in operation. God will cast down, throw down, these stones. They will be razed, crushed, demolished. One will see nothing even of the ruins.

I don't think the application needs to be drawn out. It is quite obvious.

One more point deserves a little consideration. Luke talks about the Temple being adorned "with gifts dedicated to God." There were scores of God's people who contributed to the Temple building in one form or another. Many of these givers had a noble, God-glorifying purpose in mind. They wanted those in places of responsibility to make certain that the true purpose of that building be honored and fulfilled. All of these sincere, genuine prayers and desires of God's people were echoed in the dedicatory service. What a tragedy that later these pious wishes were so arrogantly and high handedly ignored and trampled under foot! Instead of serving God's glory, the Temple came to serve the evil purposes of the anti-Christ.

Let us do all in our power to prevent a repetition of such a perversion of trust. May Dordt College be faithful to the deeply religious commitment of those thousands who have made this building possible. They long for the revival and the more vigorous promotion of the biblically Reformed faith. God's people are justly proud and thankful for this edifice. They see in its beauty a symbol of the beauty of their faith and calling.





The Jewish Chautauqua Society has presented the Dordt College Library with a selection of books on Judaism. Dr. James De Jong (left), associate professor of theology, and Rev. Wayne Kobes (right), instructor of theology, examine the books with college librarian Hester Hollaar (seated). The Jewish Chautauqua Society, the education project of the National Federation of Temple brotherhoods, fosters improved interfaith relations. The books were donated to the college library as a follow-up to a series of lectures on campus by Rabbi Gordon of Mt. Sinai Temple in Sioux City.

## Voting Board Approves Purpose Statement and Farm Purchase

In its annual meeting March 19 and 20, the Voting Board of Dordt College approved the purchase of 120 acres of farm land near Sioux Center. The land was purchased for use in the college agriculture program. It will provide a laboratory experience for agriculture students and also serve as a research facility for Dordt staff members, students, and area farmers.

With the advice of a committee of 23 area farmers, the college has been investigating the purchase of land since April of last year. The Agriculture Committee unanimously recommended the purchase of the 120 acre plot. Purchase of the farm is being financed through donations and through the sale of shares. The finances of the farm will be maintained separate from the general college finances.

The Voting Board also unanimously passed a revised statement of purpose for the college. Entitled *The Educational Task of Dordt College*, the document supplements the original statement of purpose, written in 1968. The new statement discusses two issues not dealt with in the original: the

relationship of theory and practice and the relationship of curricular and extracurricular activities. It develops a concept of "serviceable insight" which breaks through the vocational school vs. liberal arts dilemma.

The board also approved the establishment of a Lectureship Institute. (See article on p. 1.) and elected Board of Trustees members. Rev. Henry Baak and Bernard Van Ee were elected to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Arnold Boeve, Everett Fikse, Rev. James Petersen, Rev. Curt Roelofs, and Art Vanden Bosch were re-elected, and Rev. Marvin Van Donselaar was appointed to complete the term of Rev. John Fondse. Departmental reports and faculty interviews completed the agenda for the 1979 meeting.

Subsequent to the Voting Board meeting, the Board of Trustees chose its officers. Dr. Arnold Boeve of Sheldon, Iowa was re-elected President and Everett Fikse of Hills, Minnesota was chosen Vice President. Rev. David Smit of Inwood, Iowa was elected Secretary and Ted Van Bruggen of Sioux Center became General Adjunct.

## Planned Gifts

— Friends of Dordt College in Central Iowa, Southern Minnesota, and Northern California have prepared bequests in their will for Dordt College.

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— Five living trusts were created over the past few weeks by various supporters of the college. These trusts will not only increase the donors' family income and financial security, but will also provide significant gifts for Dordt College.

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## Van Dyk Will Study at Harvard

John Van Dyk, professor of philosophy at Dordt College, recently received a Summer Seminar Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This post-doctoral fellowship is worth \$2500.

Van Dyk will meet with 11 other researchers and a leader for a seminar on the interplay of theology, philosophy, and science in the late Middle Ages. They will analyze a number of examples in which those disciplines influenced each other during that time period.

Each member of the team has engaged in research on a particular aspect. Each will give his input, and evaluate that of the others. Van Dyk said they hope to have their final findings published.

"We hope to show that science goes back in the Middle Ages at least to the early part of the 14th century, if not the 13th," Van Dyk said. He explained their method of research by saying, "Theological discussions generated all sorts of scientific discussions, which resulted in findings that were plugged back into theology." He explained the same was true with philosophy and the other disciplines.

"All of this is tied in with secularization and the beginnings of the so-called autonomous man movement," Van Dyk said. He hopes to elaborate on this aspect in papers afterwards.

"This seminar is an excellent opportunity," Van Dyk concluded. "It's a chance to have other people with expertise evaluate what you are doing." He will be taking his wife and family along to Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the seminar. It will last from late June to the middle of August.



# South African to Address APJ Conference

Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu people in South Africa, is to address the Third International Christian Political Conference to be held on the Dordt campus August 24-27 this summer. The conference is sponsored by the Association for Public Justice.

Chief Minister Buthelezi is internationally known as an outstanding Christian statesman, and is perhaps the most important black leader in South Africa today. Blacks, other colored people, and Indians have no real place in the political leadership of that white-dominated Republic. The Zulus alone (Buthelezi's tribal group) outnumber all the whites in South Africa, and there are many other groups besides. White constitute only about one-fifth of the total population. The struggle for a just system of political participation has been going on for decades; few black leaders are free to speak out. Buthelezi will speak about the prospects for change in South Africa toward a more just system of political participation for all groups.

"Justice for All: The Right of Political Participation" is the theme of the August conference, which will focus on the problems of political participation and representation in modern democracies. Some of the questions to be considered by speakers at the conference are: Why are fewer and fewer Americans voting? Are minority groups adequately represented in

the American system and in other countries of the world? How do citizens participate politically in other countries? What should Christians be doing to make a proper contribution to the contemporary political process?

In addition to Buthelezi, two other nationally-known figures will address the conference. Tom Skinner, Baptist minister and president of Tom Skinner Associates, will speak at a Sunday afternoon mass rally. Author of *How Black is the Gospel?* and *Black and Free*, Skinner believes that evangelical churches must lead the fight for justice because it "takes regeneration from Jesus Christ to change society." Michael Novak, columnist, social critic, and author of *The Rise of the Unmeltable Ethnics*, will address the conference banquet concerning new approaches to political action that will overcome majoritarian repression, apathy, and civil religious conformity.

The conference begins Friday, August 24, with a keynote address by H. Evan Runner, professor of philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Prof. Runner will outline some of the basic reasons for his belief that justice requires structural pluralism in the public arena. Structural pluralism requires a government which protects institutions such as church, school, family, and business, and which also promotes justice for the differing world views of its citizens.

Several people have already consented to conduct seminars at the conference. Bob Goudzwaard, professor of economics at the Free University of Amsterdam, is to show some of the elements of the Dutch structure of pluralism in its public life. Many different groups are respected and protected in the Dutch system, each according to its size. Robert Martin from the Makah Indian Nation in Neah Bay, Washington, is to provide some historical insight into the problems that minority Indian groups have faced in North America since the arrival of the "white man." He will also suggest just ways to make room for these Indian groups. John Perkins, from the Voice of Calvary Ministries in Jackson, Mississippi, is to discuss what kind of pluralistic justice will make proper room for blacks (and other minority groups) in America.

A speech by Rockne McCarthy, currently Fellow at the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will conclude the conference. Dealing with the U.S. constitution, past efforts for justice, and suggestions from other conference speakers, he will point out new possibilities for justice in the United States.

More information about the conference can be obtained by writing to: International Christian Political Conference, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.



Linda Kroon, a freshman from Lebanon, Iowa clears a set of hurdles in competition. Undefeated in the season, Linda won both the 100 meter low hurdle and 400 meter intermediate hurdle races at the state AIAW meet in Pella in April.

## Special Gift Needs

Dordt College is growing and expanding to better serve our students and supporting constituency. As a result, there is a real need for special equipment, instruments, scholarships, and other resources which are very important but simply can't be included in the regular budget.

If you or your family would like to do something very special for Christ's Kingdom, either in memory of a loved one or out of thankfulness for God's material blessings upon your work and life, we invite you to consider one of these special gifts.

Item	Approximate Amount
Student Scholarships	\$ 5,000
Harpichord	9,000
Art objects for display and educational purposes	Varies
Special printing of "Dordt Hymnals" for the new Chapel	10,000
Lectureship Institute Patrons	5,000
Stringed instruments for new Orchestra	Varies
Hymn Record Albums production project	7,500
Herald trumpets for the Chapel	4,000
Exhibit panels for displaying art	5,000
Bequests and Gifts towards the \$350,000 purchase cost of the new Dordt farm (for the Agriculture Dept.)	Any



# Dordt Baseball Team Makes Area IV Playoffs

The Dordt men's baseball team thrilled its fans this year with one of the most remarkable seasons the college has ever witnessed. After finishing last year's season with a dismal 4-16 record, they surged to a playoff spot this year, winning 15 games and losing only 11. This is the first time that the Dordt team has finished in playoff competition, and the team record entitles them to a chance at the Area IV playoffs which will be held in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The team swung into action with a spring tour through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. With seven games in a seven-day span from March 22-29, the team played well, winning 4 games and losing 3. The spring tour gave Coach Altena an excellent

chance to experiment with his roster and to evaluate his players.

With twelve players returning from last year's roster, the infield was strong at all positions. A markedly improved pitching staff, along with some very consistent hitting at the plate, were two key factors in the team's success this year.

Senior Barry Miedema anchored the pitching staff, with a solid 6-3 record, including 2 no-hitters. Barry set 2 new Dordt career records, with 70 strikeouts and 12 wins. Other outstanding contributions to the pitching staff came from Bill Van Der Weide, who returned to the team this year and pitched very well, including a 2-0 shutout against Northwestern, and from freshman Greg Nyhoff in his first year with

the team.

Sophomore Dennis Van Zanten led the team at the plate, hitting a tremendous .475. The previous Dordt record was .446. Senior Dave Gritter hit a very impressive .380 and Daryl Vander Well also hit consistently.

Coach Altena commented that freshmen Jeff Popma, Scott Soodsma, and Dave Vander Schaaf also were valuable additions to the team.

Underclassmen played an important role in the team's success this year, and the experience they gained during regular season and playoff action should prove invaluable next year in helping to compensate for the loss of nine graduating seniors.

## Thirty-One Track Records Broken

The track program at Dordt College this spring was exceptionally exciting, with 19 records broken in women's track and 12 records set in men's track. Practices for both men and women are run concurrently, and coaching duties for both are shared by Rick Vander Berg and Marion Van Soelen.

The women have won five major invitational meets and finished fifth among thirteen schools at the state AIAW meet in Pella. The team has been led in scoring by two outstanding freshmen. Linda Kroon, an Iowa all-state hurdler from Lebanon, Iowa, has not been defeated in any of her events and has helped two relay teams set record times. Another freshman, Joanne Van Driel, from Burnaby, British Columbia, has set five individual event records. Joanne had never competed in track prior to this season.

Several other freshmen, including all-state sprinter Bonnie De Boer from Rock Valley, Iowa, and some fine upper classmen have made Dordt one of the finest women's collegiate teams in the state.

The men have received excellent performances from Jerald Wynia, a freshman from Sibley, Iowa. This distance runner and freshmen sprinters Roger Koele from Sioux Center and Gaylan Engeltjes from Orange City, Iowa, have added greatly to the men's track program. Sophomores Bob Reichert from Hastings, Nebraska, and Brad Kooima from Rock Valley have been consistent performers, as have triple jumper Gerald Folkerts from Chilliwack, British Columbia, and high jumper Tim Lyon from Portland, Oregon. The men's and women's relay teams, by invitation, competed in the Drake Relays on April 28 and 29.



The Dordt baseball team picture left to right. Back row: Dan Westra, Pella, Ia.; Dave Epema, Pennock, Mn.; Kevin Vande Streek, Waupun, Wi.; Terry Vande Griend, Hull, Ia.; Barry Miedema, Alton, Ia.; Coach Syne Altena. Middle row: Greg Nyhoff, Denver, Co.; Steve Groen, Renville, Mn.; Dave Gritter, Holland, Mi.; Dave Haverhals, Hawarden, Ia.; Wes Fopman, Pella, Ia.; Daryl Vander Well, Hull, Ia.; Dennis Van Zanten, Luverne, Mn. Front row: Jeff Poppema, Hospers, Ia.; Ed Katje, Escondido, Ca.; Dave Vander Schaaf, Sioux Center, Ia.; Russ Terpstra, Griffith, In.; Bob De Jong, Pella, Ia.; Scott Soodsma, Randolph, Wi.

Missing: Bill Van Der Weide, Bellflower, Ca.; Dennis Rietema, Kanawha, Ia.

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